

## WEST IN GRIP OF STORM KING

Blizzards Tie Up Traffic and Trains Are Snow-bound.

### RAINS SWEEP THE SOUTH

Terrific Downpours Follow Cyclone and Wash Away Bridges and Railway Tracks.

Omaha, Neb., March 15.—Train service on every road in Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, and South Dakota, has been tied up for thirty-six hours as the result of the big blizzard which swept the plains States yesterday. It is estimated that over fifty passenger trains are snowbound in Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming alone.

For twenty-four hours not a single through train from the West has reached Omaha, and the only trains operating are a few locals in the extreme eastern portion. Many of the stalled trains are out on the snow-covered prairie, while others are tied up at railroad stations. Every cut is filled with ice and snow, and traffic will not be normal until Sunday afternoon.

The Burlington has thirteen through trains tied up between Omaha, Denver, and Billings, Mont. Some of these have been snowbound thirty-six hours.

### Rainstorms Sweep South.

Memphis, Tenn., March 15.—Terrific rainstorms, the worst that have visited the South in twenty-five years, today swept through the district which was devastated on Thursday by a cyclone, that exacted a toll of more than 100 lives and caused property damage running far into the millions.

The misery and suffering of thousands in the stricken districts rendered homeless by the cyclone was increased by the rains today and there is fear that more deaths may result from exposure and disease.

The rains have washed away bridges and railroad tracks on many roads, and it will be several days before relief trains can carry food, medicine, tents and clothing to the homeless. Railroad service throughout the South and in the Central Mississippi Valley is crippled; in some sections entirely suspended. The damage to crops in Alabama, and Mississippi runs close to ten millions of dollars.

### Railroad Is Paralyzed.

Mobile, Ala., March 15.—The Louisville and Nashville Railroad today was practically paralyzed by washouts along the line, caused by the heavy rains, and it was feared that service would have to be entirely suspended before tonight.

### Windstorm in New York.

Chicago, N. Y., March 15.—A terrific windstorm swept over Oswego and vicinity today leaving a trail of death and ruin. Earl Davis, a carpenter at Laconia, was killed and many others were more or less seriously injured.

An ice house at the New York Central shops here was blown down. Telegraph and telephone wires for miles around were torn down. Reports from outlying towns indicate that heavy damage has been done to small buildings throughout the country.

The storm was accompanied by thunder, lightning, and some rain and lasted barely half an hour.

A man and two boys were not adrift upon a cake of ice in Oswego Harbor and were rescued with difficulty.

### Snow Covers Black Hills.

Rapid City, S. Dak., March 15.—Western South Dakota and practically all the Black Hills region is buried under seventeen inches of snow, which has

fallen with the wind blowing forty-five miles an hour. In places the drifts are from ten to fifteen feet deep. All railroad traffic is blocked. North sides of business streets are banked with ten feet of snow, and in some instances merchants entered their stores today by second-story windows.

While driving through the country of H. H. Ferry, a rancher, and his wife left their three children at the home of Henry Cordes, county commissioner, and continued their journey. They have not been heard from, and it is feared they have perished in the blizzard.

### River Riots Threaten City.

Savannah, Ga., March 15.—Word was received here this afternoon that the river is rising so rapidly at Augusta that it is threatening the city. Every precaution was taken to prevent it breaking through the banks.

### Wisconsin in Throes of Storm.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 15.—Dispatches from Northern Wisconsin say the floods have been followed by onsets of the winter severe snowstorms of the winter. Railroad traffic in the Northwest is paralyzed and telegraph wires have been put out of commission.

### Gale in Wyoming.

St. Paul, March 15.—Trains into Denver were reported from a half hour to six hours late today. A forty-mile-an-hour gale was reported at Cheyenne, Wyo., while demoralized wire conditions in Eastern Colorado caused by the blizzard rendered it impossible to obtain details of the damage.

## FORMER FIREMAN COMMITS SUICIDE

Capt. Arthur M. Donaldson Found in Bathroom with His Throat Cut.

### WAS INJURED IN FIRE

Capt. Arthur M. Donaldson, a former fireman, committed suicide yesterday afternoon at his home, 2401 West Place Northwest, by cutting his throat. Financial troubles are given by the members of his family as the cause for the deed.

While captain of No. 3 Engine Company and Truck B, he was severely injured during a fire in Louisiana Avenue. As a result of his injuries he was retired on a pension. He disappeared from his home Thursday last and was found on the banks of the Potomac Friday by the police. He was taken home and put to bed, and Dr. William Gwynn, of 324 Thirtieth Street Northwest, was called.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon Donaldson's wife left him long enough to wait on some customers in the grocery store on the ground floor of the house. When she returned she found him lying over the edge of the bath tub with his throat cut. The jugular vein had been severed.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Donaldson, a son and daughter, Arthur and Marie; his sister, Mrs. Lydia Shokell, and his mother, Mrs. Martha Donaldson. He was fifty years of age.

### Pope Has Praise for United States.

Rome, March 15.—The political and religious journals of the United States were lauded today in a paper encyclical issued by Pope Pius X. His holiness also rejoices in the abolition of the anti-Catholic clause in the British coronation oath.

### Japanese Budget Adopted.

Tokyo, March 15.—By 186 to 181 votes the Japanese Diet today adopted the budget for this year. The ordinary revenue is \$247,825 and the extraordinary revenue \$27,584,201. The ordinary expenditures are \$211,002,620 and the extraordinary expenditures \$51,460,095.

## SHOT AS GOES TO WIFE'S AID

Morrison Gettison May Die from Wound Inflicted by Negro.

### HIS ASSAILANT ESCAPES

Unarmed, Storekeeper Grapples with Black, Who Threatened Spouse.

In a desperate hand-to-hand encounter with a negro man who had attacked his wife, Morrison Gettison, proprietor of a small store at 229 Second Street Southwest, was shot in the left side and probably fatally wounded. The shooting occurred in Gettison's store about 9:45 o'clock last night.

The wounded man is now in the Emergency Hospital and not expected to live. The negro escaped.

### Wife Calls Hospital.

The sight of her husband lying prostrate on the floor with blood oozing from his side brought Mrs. Gettison, who had been paralyzed with fear, to her senses. She telephoned the Emergency Hospital. Upon arrival at the hospital, Gettison was placed upon the operating table and physicians probed for the bullet. All efforts proved futile. The physicians were forced to abandon the search for the leaden missile until today on account of the danger of bringing on internal hemorrhages. They stated last night that Gettison's condition was grave. The bullet is buried in the fleshy part of the victim's body, between his heart and spine.

Mrs. Gettison was so frightened that she was unable to give to the police of the Fourth Precinct a clear account of the shooting. As far as could be learned, the negro approached the store about 9:45 o'clock last night ostensibly to make a purchase. Mrs. Gettison, who was standing in the door at the time, stepped aside to allow him to enter.

### Attacks Mrs. Gettison.

The negro, immediately upon entering the store, drew a revolver and commanded Mrs. Gettison to get behind the counter and empty the cash drawer. Mrs. Gettison did as ordered. When she had gone behind the counter she dropped to the floor and screamed for help. The negro jumped over the counter and with the muzzle of his revolver pressed against her head commanded her to "shut up."

Gettison, who is described as being small of stature, upon hearing his wife's screams, rushed from the rear of the store. Fearless of his personal safety he rushed upon the negro and grappled with him. In the struggle which followed the negro pressed the gun against Gettison's body and fired. Gettison staggered and fell to the floor.

The negro jumped over the body of his victim and ran out of the store. Mrs. Gettison, whose first thought was of her husband, did not follow the negro to see in which direction he ran. When the police arrived she was unable to tell the direction which the assailant had taken or to give a very clear description of him.

### Police Take Up Trail.

As near as she could describe the black, Mrs. Gettison told the police that he was about five feet eleven inches tall, slender, apparently about twenty-four years old, and wore dark clothes. She declared that he did not wear any hat.

Late last night the police issued lookouts for two negroes whom they claim are connected with the affair. According to the police, one of the men is thought to have aided the negro to overcome Gettison and make his escape, while the other, they claim, knows the identity of the assailant. Mrs. Gettison made no mention in her story to the police of any others being connected with the affair.

Despite every effort made by the entire police department to apprehend the assailant, he had not been captured at an early hour this morning. The police of the Fourth Precinct have scoured the vicinity in search of a man answering the description furnished them by Mrs. Gettison, but without avail.

The residents of the section in which the affair occurred are incensed over the crime, and declare that it is only an other evidence of insufficient police protection. The Citizens' Association of this section is expected at its next meeting to pass resolutions asking Congress for an increase in the police force.

## CALLS DIVORCEE SAVOR OF RACE

Dr. W. Hutchinson Advocates More Freedom in Severing Marital Bonds.

### ASTOUNDS CONVENTION

Holds that When Mismatched Pairs Marry Separation Should Be Welcomed.

Philadelphia, March 15.—"Freedom of divorce has not gone too far. The divorcee, instead of being ostracized and regarded with suspicion, should be regarded as the savior of the race." With this radical statement, Dr. Woods Hutchinson, the noted lecturer and author, criticized the attitude which many physicians and laymen have taken toward the increase in mental ailments. He said in part:

"While it is true that 50 per cent of the insanity of this country is hereditary, much is due to environment, and from figures that I have gathered, I know that that strain could be weeded out by the prevention of parenthood among the mentally unfit."

"If the woman who marries a man that she later finds is tainted with mental disease, she should be allowed to divorce him without further delay and not discouraged in her attempt to prevent her from propagating a race of imbeciles. Eugenics may some day play an important part in bringing perfect children into the world, but I doubt if any formal laws regulating marriage will ever do any good."

"I certainly believe we should have more divorces, the church and the minority notwithstanding. There should be the greatest freedom in the dissolution of the marriage vows when the grounds are legitimate. The public should most vigorously reverse its position toward the woman who seeks to free herself from an alliance of this character that will compel her to bring up children into the world."

"Certain diseases and habits should be added to the code of the States which make grounds for divorce legitimate, and the woman who seeks to free herself from the drunkard or the man who is violently unkind, should not be looked upon with suspicion or be referred to facetiously as the grass widow, but be fully commended as the savior of the race."

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## PRESIDENT RECEIVES ENDEAVORERS' UNION

Washington Ministers Extend Greetings to Mr. Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan.

President Wilson received twenty-five Washington ministers yesterday afternoon who came as representatives of the Christian Endeavor societies of the city to celebrate the President and extend the good wishes of the societies. Bedford L. Holmes, president of the Christian Endeavor Union, acted as spokesman.

A committee of six pastors will call on President Wilson Thursday morning to invite him to speak on Sunday, April 20, at a meeting in Convention Hall.

Following the visit to the President, the ministers went to the office of Secretary of State Bryan to extend their greetings.

Leadership of a great nondenominational Sunday school that is planned to be started some time during the spring. The Secretary of State has the matter under advisement. Perry S. Foster plans to organize a large men's chorus to sing at these meetings. He will be assisted by William E. Brantwaite, superintendent of the music department of the Christian Endeavor Union.

Washington is almost constantly present in Mexican.

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## MAINMAST WILL GRACE ARLINGTON

Fragment of Old Battleship to Be Erected in Maine Lot of National Cemetery.

The mainmast of the U. S. S. Maine, resurrected from the water of Havana Harbor, and repainted to protect it against the attacks of the weather, will grace a memorial shaft that part of Arlington National Cemetery where 230 of the Maine dead are now buried.

One hundred and sixty-five bodies were originally interred in December, 1900, and during the unwelcome of the shipwrecked crew were recovered. Twenty-five of the dead were interred in Key West, one in Pittsburgh, Pa., and one in Red Hook, Iowa.

The shaft is to be erected on the base of the shaft is now in the hands of the Fine Arts Commission. When it is finally erected the memorial will be observed with appropriate ceremonies.

About eight months ago the mainmast was brought from Havana by the collier Leonidas and was placed in the custody of the commandant at the local navy yard, awaiting its transfer to the Navy Department. Yesterday the commandant was instructed to turn the huge piece of steel over to the Quartermaster's Department. It will be taken to Arlington under the direction of that department.

### "MINER" PROVES TO BE SLEUTH.

Burns Operative, on Stand, Discloses Identity.

Charleston, W. Va., March 15.—Forty-nine prisoners, who are simultaneously on trial for their lives, before a military court, charged with conspiracy to murder, were started almost to the point of making outcries when Frank W. Smith was called to the stand today and testified that he was an operative of the Burns detective agency.

The prisoners had all known Smith, and felt that he was a coal miner, and shared their grievances with them. Today they learned that for five months he has been in the employ of the military department and will lay bare all of the striking miners' secret plans.

Mother Jones, a famous character in the coal region, is one of the prisoners. All of the prisoners have been arrested since martial law was declared in the Kanawha County mining district in February, for the third time since the strike of the soft coal miners began nearly a year ago.

Through the story told by "Smith" on the witness stand runs a complete record of all that has taken place at the meetings of the coal miners' union for several months, together with the moves that were being planned against the mine owners by individual bodies.

### STRANGE DEATH ON LINER.

Police Making Mystery of Case of Miss Anna Wilson.

London, March 15.—A wireless telling of the mysterious death of Miss Anna Wilson, of New York, on board the Oceanic, was received at Southampton this afternoon. The message read: "Miss Anna Wilson, a first-class passenger, was found dead and we think an inquest is necessary."

The Oceanic landed her passengers late in the afternoon and the body of Miss Wilson was taken to a mortuary, where post-mortem was held. The police are making a deep mystery out of the affair.

### Plymouth, Eng., March 15.—The White Star liner Oceanic, arrived here today after making her fastest trans-Atlantic trip. The average speed maintained was 23.4 knots an hour. The longest day's run being 314 miles. The abnormal strength of the Gulf Stream swept the Oceanic onward at the rate of thirty miles a day for two days.

### Mrs. L. Evans to Lecture.

"Home Economics" is the subject of an address to be delivered by Mrs. L. Evans, of Chicago, at the meeting of the District Congress of Mothers at the Raleigh at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Parents and teachers are especially invited to attend.

### Not Gooden has decided to make his permanent home near Los Angeles.

## FAMILY OF EIGHT PERISHES IN STORM

Husband, Wife and Six Children Die in South Dakota Blizzard

On Way to Home.

Rapid City, S. Dak., March 15.—A husband, wife, and six children perished within half a mile of their home near here today in the blizzard that has been sweeping this section of the State for twenty-four hours. It is feared that two men and four children who started in search of the missing family also have perished.

Traffic in every direction is demoralized.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS IN JOINT DEBATE

Another Great Question of Political Economy Settled for All Time.

### DISCUSS THE CONSTITUTION

Victory belonged to the vanquished. At least this was the popular opinion of the 20 or more students and friends of George Washington University and Washington and Lee University, who last night attended the intercollegiate debate between these two institutions, held in the law auditorium of the local school.

The judges awarded the debate to George Washington.

The question debated was, "Resolved, That a More Easy and Expeditious Method of Amending the Federal Constitution Should be Adopted." George Washington argued in the affirmative and Washington and Lee the negative. Had the judges taken into consideration popular opinion they certainly would have unanimously decided in favor of the negative. It may have been that the judges were "progressive" and the audience standstillers.

The gist of the argument advanced by the George Washington debaters in the affirmative was that the United States had outgrown the Constitution and to keep pace with the progress of times many changes were needed in it. They also argued that the United States Supreme Court had usurped its power of interpreting the Constitution and had by its decisions distorted and changed its entire meaning. They also deplored the great length of time required to secure an amendment to the Constitution, and declared the will of the majority of the people could be defeated by a per cent of the minority.

They advanced seven plans in charging the manner of amendments, all of which were based upon a majority basis, and which the negative proved could be defeated by a single vote.

### Saunders Shares as Wit.

Washington and Lee, upholding the negative, contended that the Constitution was flexible and had been construed to meet all needs of the past by the interpretation of the Supreme Court. They quoted Washington, Hamilton, and John Marshall as authorities for the contention that the Supreme Court had the right to pass upon the constitutionality of the laws passed by Congress.

Individual members of the debate were carried off by J. F. Saunders, of Washington and Lee. Saunders' quick wit and humorous treatment of affirmative contentions, for an easier method of amendment were convincing and logical. He declared that with any amendment the Constitution would soon be so ridden with amendments that it would be unrecognizable and, like a railroad schedule, "subject to change without notice."

The judges were Dr. E. R. Bradford, Bureau of Corporations; Dr. S. N. Neill, treasurer of the Masonic Life Association, and Representative Joseph Howell of Utah.

George Washington, upholding the affirmative, was represented by Burr S. Stottle, Randolph C. Shaw, and Harry G. Seltzer. The Washington and Lee team was composed of M. Mastin, J. F. Saunders, and W. F. Hansche, Charles H. Stanton, J. L. president.

George Washington University, presided. Several musical selections were given by Misses Nellie May Sebastian and Kate Alderman, and Frank King.

### PEARY SAYS AMERICA SHOULD SEND PARTY INTO ANTARCTIC

New York, March 15.—Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the north pole, declared today, as he sailed for Naples to attend the International Geographical Congress, that he would never again attempt a polar expedition.

"I am through with polar expeditions," he declared, but added a few minutes later, "The United States should not be left out of the antarctic. We should send an expedition into that territory."

The admiral was accompanied by Mrs. Peary and their two children, Marie and Robert Jr.

In the party were also Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. Bridgman, of Brooklyn. Mr. Bridgman, with Admiral Peary, will represent the United States at the coming congress of the International Polar Commission, which will follow the Naples meeting.

### BIRTHS REPORTED.

WHITE.  
J. Ernest and Agnes Smith, boy.  
Benjamin and Bess Rybenka, girl.  
William G. and Sarah C. Lupton, girl.  
Frederick and Anna C. Lupton, girl.  
Joseph A. and Carrie K. High, girl.  
Perry and Rosina Gennore, boy.  
Wm. A. and Josephine E. Gennore, boy.  
Charles R. and Rosalie L. Barnett, boy.

### COLORADO.

James H. and Mabel Wood, girl.  
Charles H. and Katie Pendexter, girl.  
John and Laura Miles, boy.  
Edward and Fannie Beaufort, boy.  
Quartermaster and Viola Jackson, girl.  
James A. and Marie K. Green, girl.  
Joseph and Anna C. Lupton, girl.  
Julius P. and Lida Amstad, girl.

### DEATHS REPORTED.

WHITE.  
Mrs. J. Abbott, 35, Emergency Hosp.  
George L. Devere, 21, 222 10th St. N.  
Thomas B. Morrow, 62, Provid. Hosp.  
Charles O. Keeler, 57, 718 E. Ave. S.  
Nelson Horn Bear, 81, Provid. Hosp.

### COLORADO.

Mary Reynolds, 54, Fremont's Hosp.  
Oscar Cook, 3, Tuberculosis Hosp.  
Wm. Peterson, 36, 125 24th St. N.  
Margaret Lawson, 25, Fremont's Hosp.  
Mary S. Harding, 65, 38 Congress St. N.  
Henry Atkins, 40, Deaconwood, D. C.  
Wm. Campbell, 47, Fremont's Hosp.  
Celesta Holgeman, 11 mo., 252 20th St. N.

### A Gasoline Victim.

From Juba.  
Hiram—The doctor says Hiram is suffering from auto-intoxication.

Silas—Guess that's it, broom! The fellow acted just like any one else until he got that automobile.

### How about Lobster?

From Juba.  
Fishing for compliments is about as productive as fishing for trout; you're so likely to land a crab.

### The Oldest Woman?

Is a married woman. All the oldest people are for all troubles of the stomach, liver, and bowels. You can now buy a medicine that will cure you. It is called Dr. Lamon's Reliance.

## Chalmers' Gelatine



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